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UM PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES FEATURES HARPSICHORD MUSIC

MISSOULA --

Acclaimed harpsichordist Igor Kipnis will visit The University of Montana Tuesday, March 23, for a free public concert/lecture that will feature music from five centuries and a broad range of styles from Elizabethan ballads to modern jazz.

Kipnis will present "The Light and Lively Harpsichord: A Lecture-Entertainment" at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall as part of UM's Centennial President's Lecture Series.

"This will be something really different and entertaining," said history Professor Richard Drake, lecture series coordinator. "It's not going to be an austere, scholarly presentation. There will be scholarship, but leavened by humor, wit and a fine feeling for life."

"Kipnis is a brilliant performer and a marvelous storyteller," Drake said. "His performances have elicited extremely positive responses from audiences all over the country and all over the world."

Called "the foremost harpsichordist of the day" by Time magazine, Kipnis has recorded 69 albums and earned six Grammy nominations. Keyboard magazine's annual readers' poll named him "best harpsichordist" in 1978, 1979 and 1980, and "best classical keyboardist" in 1982 and 1986.

He has published numerous keyboard books; his record reviews and articles have appeared in magazines including Stereo Review, Stereophile and The American Record Guide. Current

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projects include: compiling a harpsichord resource book for Greenwood Press; editing the harpsichord and clavichord volume of a three-volume Encyclopedia of Keyboard Instruments; and preparing a biography of his father, the late Metropolitan Opera bass Alexander Kipnis.

A graduate of Harvard University, Kipnis lives in Redding, Conn. He is co-artistic director of the Connecticut Early Music Festival.

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Contact: Richard Drake, 243-2981. Interviews with Kipnis can be arranged through Joanne Rile Artists Management in Jenkintown, Penn., 1-215-885-6400.

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